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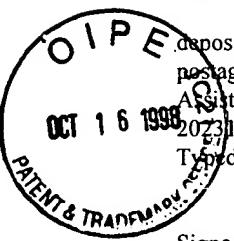
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Serial No.: 09/148,126	)	Group Art Unit: 1722
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For: <b>FUNCTIONALLY GRADED METAL</b>	)	Attorney Docket No.: 20721/04010
<b>SUBSTRATES AND PROCESS</b>	)	
<b>FOR MAKING SAME</b>	)	

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 28, 1998, applicants respectfully submit the enclosed executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. A check for \$1,726.00 is enclosed to cover the basic Patent Application filing fee, additional claim fee and the appropriate surcharge. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts received from the Patent Office is also enclosed. Please also find a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt and a copy of the Original Filing Receipt received from the Patent Office enclosed herewith.

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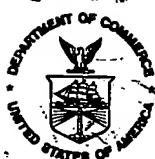
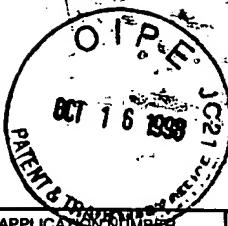
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

09/28/98

*Filing Date Granted*

An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file all required items and pay fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of  \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or  \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a  
 small entity (statement filed)  non-small entity is \$ 1726.

1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

missing.  
 insufficient.

Applicant must submit \$ 790 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

2. Additional claim fees of \$ 806, including any multiple dependent claim fees, are required.

\$ 410 for 5 independent claims over 3.

\$ 396 for 18 dependent claims over 20.

\$            for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

3. The oath or declaration:

is missing or unexecuted.  
 does not cover the newly submitted items.  
 does not identify the application to which it applies.  
 does not include the city and state or foreign country of applicant's residence.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

8. The application does not comply with the Sequence Rules.

See attached "Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules 37 CFR 1.821-1.825."

9. OTHER:

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*K. Smith*  
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